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Report Highlights: Vietnam is trying to limit rice exports to 3.5 million metric tons. It is unclear if Vietnam will take firm action to force rice exporters to comply with the export restriction. Exports of fragrant and glutinous rice are excluded from the 3.5 MMT limit. Nevertheless, it still limits fragrant and glutinous rice exports to 5,000 metric tons per month.

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Indicative price (Week ending August 6, 2004)**Vietnam rice export prices (FOB basis) for various grades**

Grade % Broken	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Period Averages	
								Current Average	Previous (July 30)
5	232	232	232	233	233	232	232	232.29	231.00
10	229	229	230	230	230	230	230	229.71	227.71
15	226	226	228	228	228	226	226	226.86	224.71
25	222	222	223	223	223	222	222	222.43	221.29

Source: Average indicative prices from exporters

Export prices were slightly firmer compared with prices offered last Friday. Local prices also increased by VND10-20/kg (approx. USD 0.7 – 1.3/mt).

Exports

The following are reported rice exports (metric tons) from July 24 to July 30, 2004.

Week ending	Quantity	4-WK Avg.	Year to date	Year ago
June 04	100,000	93,250	1,875,000	1,785,000
June 11	31,000	80,250	1,906,000	1,857,000
June 18	64,000	76,250	1,970,000	1,947,000
June 25	61,000	64,000	2,031,000	2,156,000
July 02	131,000	71,750	2,162,000	2,250,000
July 09	118,000	93,500	2,280,000	2,321,000
July 16	72,000	95,500	2,352,000	2,395,000
July 23	103,000	106,000	2,455,000	2,449,000
July 30	97,000	97,500	2,552,000	2,539,000

Additional rice exports granted.

The Ministry of Trade (MOT) has issued an official letter to allow rice exporters to export fragrant and glutinous rice that is excluded from Vietnam's 2004 rice export plan of 3.5 million metric ton (mmt). However, the export quantity of fragrant and glutinous rice is limited to 5 thousand metric tons per month. This new market segmentation resulted from a recommendation by Viet Food Association (VFA).

Per MOT's official letter dated July 26, Vietnam's 2004 rice exports should be halted if the concluded year to date quantity has reached 3.5 mmt.

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